Drug Smuggling between India and Pakistan

724. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the agreement of 1986 between India and Pakistan for curbing drugs smuggling has achieved any success;

(b) what are the corresponding figures of detected cases of drug smuggling between the two countries from 1986 till June 1988; and

(c) what are the details of remedial measures taken by the two Governments to curb this smuggling?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) The arrangement for mutual co-operation between India and Pakistan regarding drug trafficking, established in 1986, is working satisfactorily.

(b) The seizures of drugs made in India and Pakistan (information in respect of Pakistan available only for 1987) are given below:

S. No.	Name of drug	Quantity of drugs seized (Kilograms)					
		INDIA			PAKISTAN		
		1986	1987	1988 (upto June)	1986	1987	1988
1	Opium	8789	2929	1373	..	4017	..
2	Heroin	2621	2747	1707	..	3098	..
3	Hashish (Charas)	18909	14796	12259	..	85237	..
4	Ganja	60619	53920	15469		Not available	
5	Methaqualone	1485	1500	536		Not available	

(c) In the latest Secretary level talks in New Delhi, it has been decided to mutually exchange operational intelligence to curb drug trafficking across the borders. Both sides further agreed to extend mutual assistance in criminal investigations in the following areas relating to smuggling;

(i) locating suspects/connected persons;

(ii) executing requests for searches and seizures;

(iii) examining objects and sites; and

(iv) making persons (including those in custody) available to tender evidence/assistance in investigation.

Production of Tea

725. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of tea produced in the country per annum;

(b) what quantity of tea was exported and foreign exchange earned during the last three years;

(c) whether it is a fact that Orissa occupies a place in the tea map of the country; and

(d) if so, the quantity of tea produced annually in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a)

Total productions of tea in the country during the last three years are as follows:—

(Figures in M. Kgs.)

Year	Production
1985 . . .	656
1986 . . .	621 (Provisional)
1987 . . .	673 (Estimated)

(b) Quality and value of exports during last three years are as follows:—

Year	Qty. (M. Kgs).	Value (Rs. crores)
1985 .	214	695
1986 .	203	581 (Provisional)
1987 .	209	639 (Estimated)

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Trial manufacturing of tea commenced in Orissa in September, 1987 and the first lot of 196 Kgs., was sold on 21st April, 1988 in the inaugural auction. So far about 800 Kgs. of tea has been produced in Orissa.

Loans to farmers in Orissa

726. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount of agricultural loans sanctioned and disbursed by the nationalised banks to the farmers in Orissa during the last three financial years;

(b) what is the total recovery of these loans during the above period;

(c) whether Government have exempted interest payment on these loans due to scarcity conditions prevailing in the state; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Outstanding agriculture advances of all public sector banks in the State of Orissa during 3 years ended June 1986 (latest available) were as under:

Year ended June	Balance Outstanding (Rs. in lakhs)
1984 . . .	12448
1985 . . .	15476
1986 . . .	20749

(b) Recovery position of Direct Agricultural advances of all public sector banks in the State of Orissa during 3 years ended June 1986 has been as under:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year ended June	Demand	Recovery	%recovery to demand
1984	5794	2110	36.4
1985	7629	3314	43.4
1986	8434	3892	46.1